



Brownfields 2017 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

City of Richmond, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 274 job training grants totaling over \$57 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2017, more than 16,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,000 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

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\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the City of Richmond for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. The City of Richmond plans to train 51 students and place at least 45 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 286 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, asbestos abatement, lead abatement, confined space entry, OSHA 10-hour construction safety, emergency response, solar technology, refinery safety, and a pre-apprenticeship in construction. Participants who complete the training program will earn two state and four federal certifications. The City of Richmond is targeting low-income, unemployed, and underemployed residents of Richmond. Key partners include the Richmond Housing Authority, Cenergy Power, Marin Clean Energy, Net Electric Inc., IQ Personnel Environmental Staffing, Literacy of Every Adult Program, Laborers' Community Service and Training Foundation, and Richmond Workforce Development Board.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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